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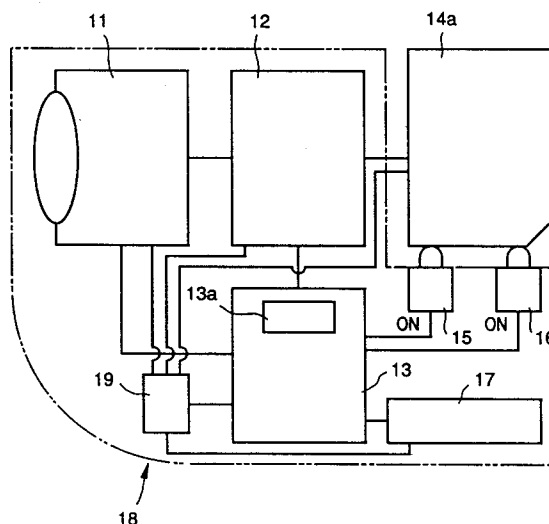
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(57) A recording apparatus (18) capable of being connected to plural kinds of recording devices (14a, 14b) alternatively, comprising: connecting unit (-) for connecting the plural kinds of recording devices (14a, 14b) alternatively; generator (19) for supplying electrical energy to the connected recording device (14a, 14b) via the connecting unit; memory unit (13a) for storing a plurality of minimum potential values each of which is necessary for operating each of the plurality of recording devices (14a, 14b); comparing unit (17) for comparing the potential of the generator (19) to be provided against each of the plurality of minimum potential values; and notification unit (17) for notifying usable recording device or devices for recording out of the plural kinds of recording devices (14a, 14b) on the basis of a comparison result produced by the comparing unit (17).

FIG. 5**EP 0 660 485 A3**



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